

Former Dukes Transmission & Used Cars



Proposal to Remove Site from Ecology's Hazardous Sites List

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) proposes to remove the former Dukes Transmission & Used Cars site from the State's Hazardous sites list. Now that this site meets cleanup guidelines and recommendations, Ecology encourages your comments on the proposed delisting through June 2, 2005.

Site Background

The former Dukes Transmission and Used Cars site is located at 251 Rainier Ave N in Renton, WA. This 1.18 acre lot is located in a mixed residential, industrial, and commercial area.

In the late 1940's this site was used as a bulk fuel distribution center. It was later converted to a gas station. Then, in the 1970's the gas station moved from the property and all 5 underground storage tanks were removed.

Duke's Transmission and Used Car Lot operated on this site until the summer of 1998. In 1998 the buildings on the site were demolished and it remained a vacant graded property until 2003.

In 2003 the lot was purchased by the BP West Coast and converted into an Arco AM/PM gas station, mini-mart, and carwash, which remain today.

Contamination

In February 1997, a site assessment found oil and diesel leaking onto the soil at Duke's Transmission and Used Cars facility. Investigation revealed contamination likely caused by uncovered leaking engine parts and improper waste storage at the

transmission shop, as well as from the bulk oil fueling facility of the 1940's.

As a result of activities at this site, the soil was contaminated with petroleum. The site was ranked "5" on the hazardous site list (a rank of "1" represents the highest level of risk compared to other sites, and a rank of "5" represents the lowest risk level).

Cleanup Work at This Site

Cleanup work was initiated July 2000. The following activities took place during the cleanup process to remove the petroleum contamination:

- Contaminated soil was excavated, treated and disposed of off-site at a hazardous waste landfill.
- The site was backfilled with six inches of topsoil compacted across the entire site.
- Contaminated groundwater was extracted and treated
- Groundwater sampling wells were set up around the perimeter of the property. The groundwater monitoring results show that the groundwater meets the cleanup standards.

Why Delist the Site?

In March 2001 Ecology issued a No Further Action letter. Ecology determined that this site does not pose a threat to human health or the environment, and proposes removing the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

Ecology Seeks Your Input

Ecology's proposal to remove the Duke's Transmission and Used Cars

May 4, 2005

**Public Comment Period:
May 4 – June 2, 2005**

**Documents can be reviewed at
the following location:**

WA Department of Ecology
Northwest Regional Office
3190 160th Avenue SE
Bellevue, WA 98008
(425) 649-7190
(Call for an appointment)

**Technical questions and written
comments:**

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from the Hazardous Sites List is open for public comment from May 4 through June 2, 2005. Documents pertaining to delisting are available at the locations listed in the box on the first page. Please send your written comments before June 2nd, to Brian Sato, Site Manager at the address listed on the first page of this fact sheet. If substantive comments are received, further site investigation or cleanup work may be

required before the site is delisted. If this occurs, Ecology will hold an additional comment period.

For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, hearings, workshops, and open houses, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at: <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>. To learn more about the public comment process read *Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting*.



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